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EXDIS TREAT AS NODIS

FOR ATHERTON FROM LEWIS

CAIRO FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS

WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR JERUSALEM TALKS

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1. AS THINGS TURNED OUT, DAYAN WAS THE ONE WHOM I SAW
AT HIS HOME IN TEL AVIV AT 1700 JANUARY 13 TO TAKE UP
THE SUBJECT AGAIN OF THE AGENDA. EVIDENTLY BEGIN HAD
DECIDED WISELY TO THROW THE BALL BACK INTO HIS COURT
WHERE IT LOGICALLY BELONGS AND TO START HIS SABBATH
WITHOUT MY INTERFERENCE.

2. I FIRST HANDED DAYAN KAMEL'S LETTER WITH HIS
ANSWERS TO DAYAN'S COUNTERPROPOSALS. HE READ IT OVER,
SMILED RESIGNEDLY, AND SAID WELL I GUESS WE STILL
HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL DISAGREEMENT. HE SHOWED NO INTEREST

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OR ENTHUSIASM FOR DISCUSSING KAMEL'S LETTER.

3. I TOOK THE CUE TO GO THROUGH THE TALKING POINTS
CONTAINED IN PARA TWO OF REFTTEL, THEN HANDED HIM ON
A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER THE THREE POINTS IN OUR
REVISED PROPOSAL, TAKEN FROM PARA THREE OF REFTTEL. I
EXPLAINED TO DAYAN THE SLIGHT DIFFERENCES FROM THE

EARLIER VERSION OF THESE POINTS WHICH BEGIN AND I HAD DISCUSSED AFTER I SUGGESTED THEM ON A PERSONAL BASIS TO HIM WEDNESDAY NIGHT (JANUARY 11). I STRESSED THE ARGUMENTS FROM PARAS FOUR, FIVE AND SIX OF REFTEL TO TRY TO PERSUADE HIM NOT TO HAGGLE FURTHER OVER THE LANGUAGE SO THAT THE SECRETARY COULD GET DOWN TO BUSINESS AS SOON AS HE ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM.

4. DAYAN SAID THAT THEY LOOKED PRETTY GOOD TO HIM BUT HE WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO CONSULT BEGIN. HE ASKED ME IF I WOULD LIKE AN IMMEDIATE REACTION. I SAID THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. HE WENT TO THE TELEPHONE AND CALLED BEGIN. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION WITH HIM OVER THE PHONE, DAYAN RETURNED TO SAY THAT HE HAD GOTTEN BEGIN'S AGREEMENT TO POINTS A AND C. UNFORTUNATELY, BEGIN WANTED TO THINK FURTHER ABOUT B, AND SINCE IT WAS ALREADY THE SABBATH, HE COULD NOT WRITE DOWN THE TEXT WHICH DAYAN HAD READ HIM FOR CAREFUL PONDERING(*). THERE WAS APPARENTLY SOME DISCUSSION BETWEEN THEM OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN B, CHANGES WHICH WOULD STRESS THAT THE GUIDELINES WOULD RELATE TO NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE STATUS OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA RATHER THAN THE TERRITORIES. I STRONGLY URGED DAYAN TO TRY TO GET BEGIN'S AGREEMENT TO NO CHANGES, OR AT WORST, VERY TINY CHANGES, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT WE HAD NO ASSURANCE SADAT WOULD ACCEPT EVEN THIS
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FORMULATION AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

5. WE EVENTUALLY AGREED THAT DAYAN WILL SEE BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SABBATH ENDS TOMORROW AFTERNOON AND TRY TO GET HIS AGREEMENT--PRIOR TO A LARGER MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR 1900 SATURDAY EVENING AT BEGIN'S HOME, AT WHICH TIME WEIZMAN WILL REPORT TO BEGIN, DAYAN AND OTHERS ON THE CAIRO MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS. DAYAN WILL TELEPHONE ME AROUND 1900 HOURS TO GIVE ME BEGIN'S DECISION ON PARAGRAPH B, AND I WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT THAT DECISION SATURDAY EVENING, WELL IN ADVANCE OF AMBASSADOR EILT'S MEETING WITH SADAT ON SUNDAY.

6. ALTHOUGH I AM SURE THERE WILL BE MORE DICKERING, DAYAN GAVE US THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT HE BELIEVED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE MATTERS SATISFACTORILY WITH BEGIN. DAYAN IS OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO PUT THIS EPISODE BEHIND HIM AND GET ON TO THE SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS.

7. ALTHOUGH I DO NOT WANT TO TRY TO PREDICT THE OUT-COME, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BEGIN WILL COME BACK WITH

SOMETHING LIKE EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING FOR PARAGRAPH B;

(A) THE GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA; OR (B) THE GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO ISSUES CONCERNING THE PALESTINIAN ARABS RESIDENT IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA.

8. ONE MINOR VICTORY: EVIDENTLY DAYAN PERSUADED BEGIN NOT TO INSIST ON "JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND GAZA." HE SEEMS TO HAVE SWALLOWED "THE WEST BANK AND GAZA," AT LEAST THIS TIME.

9. AFTER DISPOSING OF THE AGENDA QUESTION, WE HAD A
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RATHER EXTENDED INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF PROSPECTS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS AND VARIOUS APPROACHES TO THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF THE SETTLEMENTS IN SINAI. I WILL REPORT SEPARATELY ON THE REMAINDER OF THE CONVERSATION.

10. POSTSCRIPT. AFTER RETURNING TO THE EMBASSY, I HAD TO TELEPHONE BEGIN ON ANOTHER MATTER AND HE RAISED HIS PROBLEMS WITH PARAGRAPH B. I PRESSED HIM VERY HARD NOT TO INSIST ON CHANGES. HE WAS ADAMANT THAT THE INCLUSION OF THE PHRASE "THE WEST BANK AND GAZA" CLEARLY IMPLIES A READINESS TO NEGOTIATE OVER THE QUESTION OF ULTIMATE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE TERRITORY. THEREFORE HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT IT. AS I FEARED HE WANTS TO SPECIFICALLY DELIMIT IT TO ISSUES INVOLVING THE INHABITANTS. I PERSUADED HIM TO THINK ABOUT IT OVER NIGHT AND TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER WITH DAYAN BEFORE GIVING ME AN ANSWER TOMORROW EVENING. HE AGREED, BUT GAVE ME LITTLE REASON TO BE CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL GIVE IN.
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